

PROCLAMATION **NORTH DAKOTA EMERGENCY** MAY 30, 2002 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WHEREAS, the potential for rural fire emergency exists throughout the state based on information received from the National Weather Service and state and local emergency management organizations indicating an increased fire potential due to expected high winds and heavy vegetation with varying degrees of dryness; and

WHEREAS, issuance of Rural Fire Danger Index statements of "VERY HIGH" and/or "EXTREME" by the National Weather Service will automatically implement mitigation procedures contained in the Fire Danger Index Guide found in the North Dakota Emergency Operations Plan to reduce damage to property and the possible loss of life; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Disaster Act (Chapter 37-17.1, North Dakota Century Code) and this proclamation, or renewals thereof, executive orders, other proclamations, and regulations, which will be issued to implement this proclamation to meet the dangers inherent by the rural fire condition, shall have the force and effect of law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I proclaim an "emergency" for the State of North Dakota and order the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to implement all necessary operational procedures based on fire danger statements of the National Weather Service.

Signed,

John Hoeven Governor

Attested,

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State